

KENNETH 'STEVE' HINES



Kenneth Steven 'Steve' Hines, 59, of Leesburg, Georgia, lost his battle with COVID-19 on October 5, 2020. Steve put up the hardest fight of his life, but winning wasn't an option as God wanted him in heaven. He fought hard and strong.

Steve was born in Jacksonville on March 20, 1961 to Kenneth W. Hines and Janice B. Hines. He was the third child and only boy of 5 children. He was raised in Jacksonville in his early years and moved to Albany, GA in his teenage years, where his heart found the love of his life. On June 16, 1979 Steve and Shari Alpire, at the young age of 18, married in Albany. Steve and Shari lived in Hilliard and Callahan in the early days of marriage, but felt like Albany was where they wanted to start their family, so they returned to build their forever life there where they would start the growth of their tree and enjoy all of the sprouts that took root.

If there was anything needed, Steve was your go-to guy! There wasn't anything he didn't have, that he wouldn't give to his friends or family. For most that knew him around Albany, he wasn't Steve he was "Half Fast Steve." He loved to race cars on a dirt track where he found enjoyment in younger years. That passion carried over into his and son's love for Go-cart racing where many races were won under Steve's direction and the owning of the Oakfield Go-Cart Racing Track in Oakfield, GA. When he became a grandfather he knew that one of the things he enjoyed doing would also be something the grandkids liked, that happen to be playing billiards, so he went out got a pool table and taught the grandkids how to shoot pool in their early years. He loved his grandchildren and they adored the gentle giant they called Papa. Steve was known as a son, brother and friend but in his world the most rewarding was him being known as a husband, father and grandfather. Steve was very well known around Albany and Leesburg for his Arm Wrestling Skills beginning at the young age of 16. He is considered a Legend! He has never been beat. Not many competitors can say that!

Steve is survived by his soul-mate of 40 years, Shari Hines; daughter Stephanie Burrows; son Sawyer Hines; grandchildren Tony Burrows, Samatha 'Sammy' Burrows, Dominic 'Duck' Burrows, Kylie Langford and Shane Hines; mother Janice (Billy) Bennett of Callahan; his siblings Phyllis (Paul) Ladson, and Bobbie (Rick) Boatright, all Callahan, Tori (Billy) Harris of Augusta, IL and Lori (Dallas) Morris of Charleston, SC; brother-in-law Jeffrey (Angela) Barrett of Atlanta; his mentor Daniel E. Bell of Callahan; and many nieces, nephews and family members. Steve is predeceased by his father Kenneth W. Hines; and his mother-in-law Janice Lee.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, October 24 in Leesburg, Georgia.